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1. Claims: 1-19, 33 (partly), 34 (partly)

A composition for use in the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic insect infestation comprising an essential oil obtained from a plant selected from the genera Artemisia, Citrus, Juniperus, Laurus, Myristica, Origanum, Piper or Aloysia in a gel carrier.

Use of a gel and essential oil as defined above in the manufacture of a composition for the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic oinsect infestation.

A method of treating a human or animal suffering from a parasitic insect infestation by applying a composition as defined hereabove.

2. Claims: 20,21, 29, 30 (partly), 33 - 37 (all partly), 52 (partly)

A composition for use in the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic insect infestation comprising an essential oil obtained from a plant selected from the genera Artemisia, Citrus, Juniperus, Laurus, Myristica, Origanum, Piper or Aloysia in an aqueous alcoholic vehicle comprising from 0.1% - 20% v/v alcohol with water.

Use of a composition as defined above in the manufacture of a composition for the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic insect infestation.

Method of treating a human or animal suffering from a parasitic insect infestation by applying the composition defined hereabove.

Method suitable for treating furnishing, clothing or plants to kill parasitic insects by applying the composition defined hereabove.

3. Claims: 22-28, 30 (partly), 31, 32, 33 - 37 (all partly), 52 (partly)

A composition for use in the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic insect infestation comprising an essential oil obtained from a plant selected from the genera Artemisia, Citrus, Juniperus, Laurus, Myristica, Origanum, Piper or Aloysia in an alcohol/vegetable oil mixture comprising from 0.1% - 20% v/v alcohol.

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Use of a composition as defined above in the manufacture of a composition for the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic insect infestation.

Method of treating a human or animal suffering from a parasitic insect infestation by applying the composition defined hereabove.

Method suitable for treating furnishing, clothing or plants to kill parasitic insects by applying the composition defined hereabove.

4. Claims: 38, 39, 52 (partly)

Composition comprising an essential oil obtained from a plant selected from the genera Petergonium, Cymbopogan, Pimpinella, Myrtus (Cretian, Moroccan, organe), Lavandula, Pinus, Melaleuca, Cinnamomum, Apium, Thymus, Hyssopus, Rosmellus, Cananga, Mentle, Eucalyptus or Vitex in a gel carrier.

Method for treating plants to kill insects by applying this composition.

5. Claims: 40- 51, 52 (partly)

Composition comprising the alkaloid galanthamine for use in the treatment of a human or animal having a parasitic insect infestation.

Use of galanthamine or an extract of Narcissus in the manufacture of a composition for treating a human or animal suffering from a parasitic insect infestation.

Method of treating a human or animal suffering from a parasitic insect infestation by applying the composition defined hereabove.

Method suitable for treating furnishing, clothing or plants to kill parasitic insects by applying the composition defined hereabove.

6. Claims: 53 - 57

Composition comprising a gel carrier and one or more of the terpenes and terpenoids shown to have insecticidal activity for use in treating humans, animals, clothing, furnishing and plants (preferably selected from sabinene, p-cymene, beta-pinene, myrcene, limonene and terpinen-4-ol).

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